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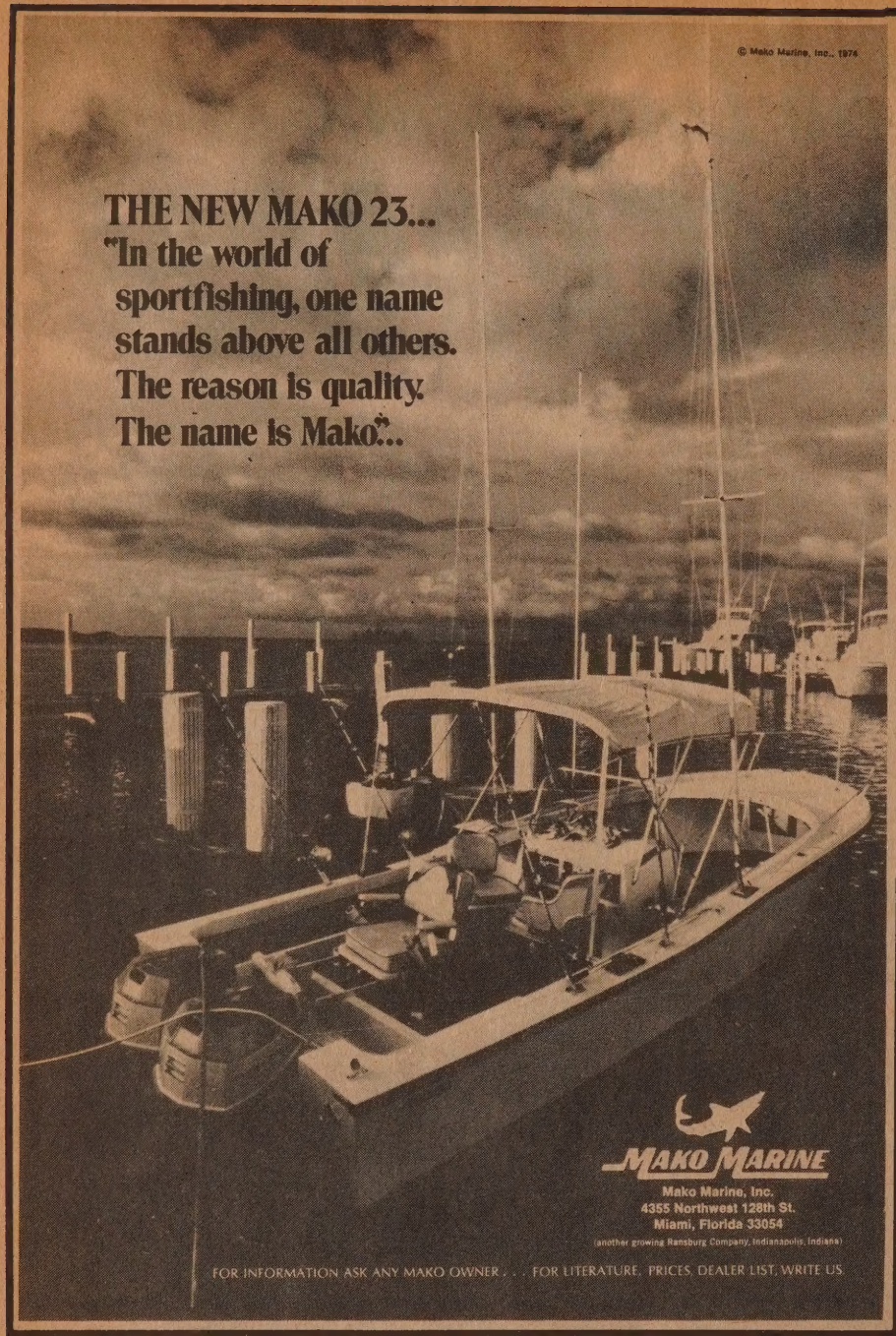
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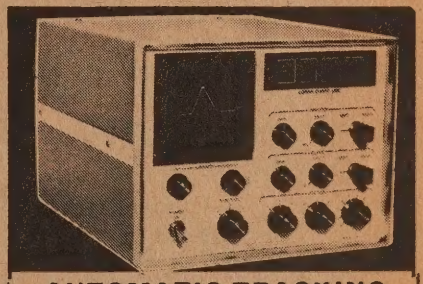

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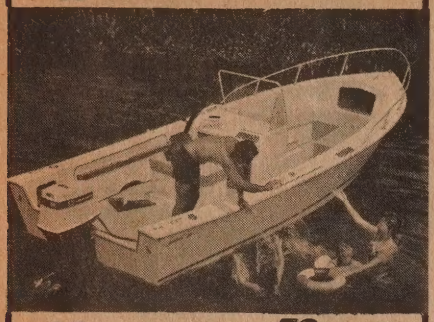

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CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS

1974 JONES BEACH, CAPTREE AND ROBERT MOSES STATE PARKS FISHING CONTEST

On May 1, 1974, the 15th Annual Jones Beach, Captree and Robert Moses State Parks Fishing Contest will open. The contest is sponsored by the Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission and the Captree Bait Station.

All entries must be caught between Jones Inlet and the east end of Robert Moses State Park, in the surf and bank, pier or on board the open, charter and rowboats which are berthed at facilities under the jurisdiction of the park commission.

Contest rules and entry forms will be available May 1 at the official weigh-in stations at Jones Beach, Captree and Oak Beach.

Monthly awards will be presented by Garcia, Penn and Zebco fishing equipment companies. Hidden Weight Awards will be drawn from those entrants who have not won a prize. In addition to the monthly prizes, grand prizes and largest of species awards will be presented by the Captree Bait Station.

At an Awards Presentation Dinner on November 23, at Jones Beach State Park, all winners will receive their prizes.

BAY SHORE MAKO TOURNAMENT

The Bay Shore Tuna Club is pleased to again invite all fishing clubs and anglers to participate in the Mako Tournament to be held at Bay Shore on June 29 and June 30. Entries to be limited to 150 boats, first come, first served.

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Mooring facilities at the Bay Shore Marina will be made available without cost to tournament participants. Due to limited dock space, berths will be assigned on a **first come-first served** basis, so get your application in early.

This year's entry fee will be $60.00 per boat. There will be no angler fees, but **each boat must list all anglers on application.** Each boat entered will receive bait and chum in the amount of 100 lbs. per day.

A meeting of anglers will be held on Friday night, June 28, at Capt. Bill's Anchorage, Ocean Avenue, Bay Shore, New York at 8:00 p.m. sharp. At this time, the boat numbers, tournament badges and literature will be distributed. General conduct and questions concerning the tournament and rules will be answered and explained at this time. For further information, contact the Bay Shore Tuna Club, 87 Ocean Avenue, Bay Shore, N.Y. 11706, or call (516) 665-0037.

MONTAUK MARINE BASIN TOURNAMENTS 1974 SEASON

Memorial Day: May 25 - 26 - 27, Saturday - Sunday - Monday, RODEO INSHORE FISHING.

4th of July: July 4 - 5 - 6 - 7, Thursday - Friday - Saturday - Sunday, BLUES - BASS - FLUKE - PORGIES - SEA BASS. July 20 - 21, Saturday - Sunday, THIRD ANNUAL SHARK TOURNAMENT. August 10 - 11, Saturday - Sunday, OFFSHORE RODEO.

Labor Day: August 31 - Sept. 1 - 2, Saturday - Sunday - Monday, SECOND ANNUAL FAMILY FISHING TOURNAMENT. Sept. 28 - 29, Saturday - Sunday, FULL MOON TOURNAMENT - BASS - BLUES.

Columbus Day: October 12 - 13 - 14, Saturday - Sunday - Monday, BLUES - BASS - COD - SNAPPER TOURNAMENT FOR CHILDREN (FROM DOCK)

1974 SCHAEFER CONTEST

The year 1947 saw the birth of the Schaefer Salt Water Fishing Contest with 41 clubs participating from three states: New York, Connecticut and New Jersey. Two years later, clubs from Massachusetts and Rhode Island joined. In 1953, Pennsylvania was included. By 1958, Delaware clubs were competing and, soon after, Maine and New Hampshire entered.

One of the largest striper tagging programs ever completed began in the late forties and ended in the early fifties. This massive endeavor utilizing 10,000 tags was a joint effort of Schaefer and Frank Woolner, editor of **Salt Water Sportsman**, a national publication. The results indicated the migration routes of stripers, from the Hudson River to Connecticut and back to the River. Tag returns came in up to four years after the program was completed.

Twenty-one years ago, in March of 1953, the first artificial reef was created off Fire Island, New York and named the "Rudy Schaefer Reef" in honor of the man, himself an avid angler, that donated over 14,000 wooden beer crates partially filled with concrete and the barge for the many trips required to build the reef. The "Rudy Schaefer Reef" was built under the supervision of and in cooperation with the Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Long Island Fisherman's Association and today provides angling pleasure for many.

Last year Schaefer expanded the contest with a separate program providing weekly awards for party boat patrons numbering in the millions.

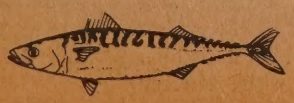
In just over a quarter of a century since the contest began, 8,700 clubs have entered with a combined membership exceeding the 3,000,000 mark. Throughout the contest area a network of official weigh-in stations enable anglers to properly record their entries. These cooperative stations presently number 445 and more are being added each year.

The present panel of judges consists of fifteen truly competent fishing writers, editors, authors and sportsmen in addition to three marine biologists, all of whom share a deep concern for the future of sportfishing.

1974 marks the 28th consecutive year of the Schaefer Salt Water Fishing Contest, the largest contest of its kind in the nation.

This year, Schaefer begins a five-year study that is another milestone. For the first time, sportfishermen will be able to actively participate, with marine biologists from state and federal agencies, in a research program that will ultimately benefit **all** East coast anglers seeking inshore species.

For further information, contact: Schaefer Salt Water Fishing Contest, 430 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11211.



CLUB NEWS

SQUAW ISLAND FISHING CLUB— 1973 ANNUAL AWARDS

The following anglers won the 1973 annual awards of the Squaw Island Fishing Club:

Bluefish: John Schager, 20 lbs.; Joe Tuozzo, 19 lbs.; Norman Price, 15.5 lbs.**Bonita:** Cleve Byram, 9 lbs.; Ed Bain, 8.5 lbs.; Werner Puddick, 6.5 lbs.**Codfish:** Frank Newman, 33 lbs.; John Schager, 29 lbs.; Al Schmitt, 27 lbs. **Dolphin:** Ed Bain, 12 lbs. **Flounder:** Bob Bryant, 5.5 lbs.; Howie Lynch, 2 lbs.; Tony Pisciotta, 1.5 lbs. **Weakfish:** Gerry Elliot, 8 lbs.; Bob Pizzuro, 7.5 lbs.; Bill Reupke, 5.5 lbs. **Blue Shark:** Frank Tchinnis, 131 lbs.; Al Schmitt, 129 lbs.; John Suss, 98 lbs. **Tiger Shark:** Tony DiGrado, 385 lbs. **Mako Shark:** Carl Christ, 254 lbs.; John Suss, 244 lbs.; Bob Bryant, 135 lbs. **Marlin:** Joe Braun, 79.5 lbs.; Bill Marvin, 70 lbs. **Striped Bass:** Werner Puddick, 38 lbs.; Bill Venezia, 35 lbs. **Tuna:** Joe Braun, 51 lbs.; Roland Ayasse, 19 lbs. **Swordfish:** Joe Tuozzo, 45 lbs. **Tilefish:** Joe German, 39 lbs.; Gunnar Thorpe, 38.8 lbs.; Tom Shaw, 38.6 lbs.

NORTH BROOKHAVEN SPORT FISHERMAN'S CLUB

The next meeting of the North Brookhaven Sport Fishermen's Club will take place on Monday night, May 13, at 8:00 P.M. in the Mt. Sinai Community House located on North Country Road in Mt. Sinai.

Guest speaker will be Harry Wolf, a member of the Advisory Board of the 200 Mile Limit Group, who will tell why it is so important to keep the foreign fishing fleet so far off the coast of the United States.

All fishermen are invited to attend the May meeting. For more information in the Rocky Point area call: 744-6260, and in the Lake Ronkonkoma area, call: 588-6080.

GREAT SOUTH BEACH MOBILE SPORTFISHERMEN

The Great South Beach Mobile Sportfishermen held their annual elections on April 18th. Elected President was Charlie Veith from Shirley, N.Y. The other club officers are: First Vice-President, Leo Mulderig; Second Vice-President, Bill Capel; Secretary, Lizabeth Skolnick; Treasurer, Mrs. Joan Capel. New Directors were also elected to the club.

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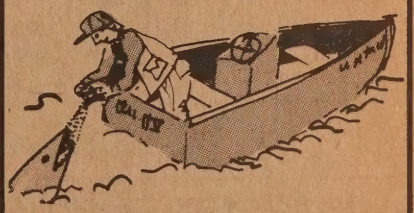

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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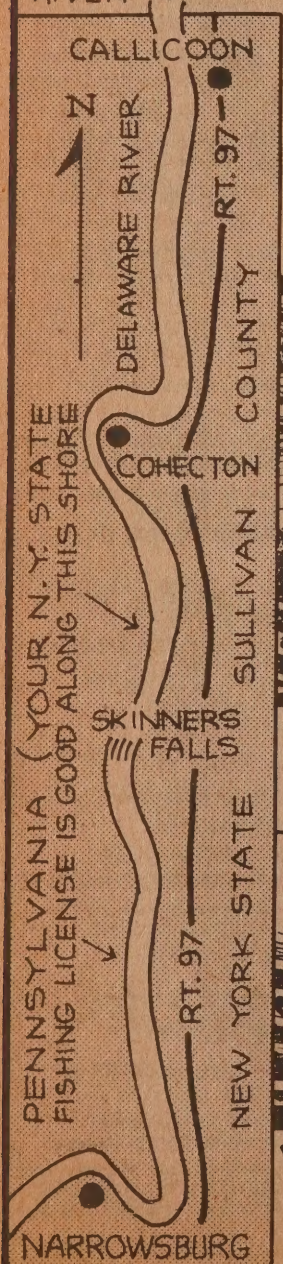

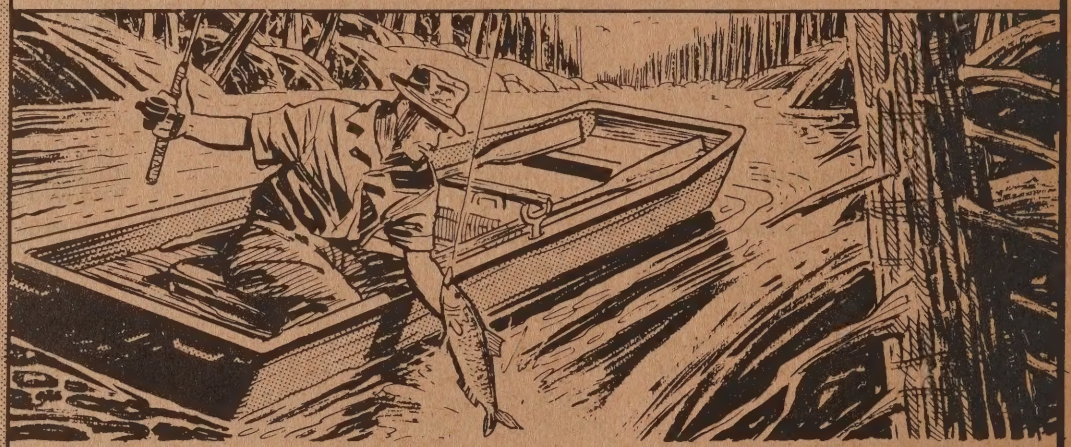

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Tricks That Take Mackerel

by Vincent Cantwell

"In days of old, when men were bold,
And atoms were not yet invented,
They'd go out for mackerel
And return with a sack full
And fish the bass contented."

Sound familiar? Funny? Maybe yes, but then read it again.

"And fish the bass contented."

"...And fish the late season bass with mackerel strips contented?" "...And fish the late season bass with mackerel strips when the bait stores don't have any mackerel left...contented?"

See the point? Does it make sense? I learned my lesson well last year, did you? If you did, then this article is directed especially to you, so you don't get caught without bass/blues bait again this year.

First off, lets talk about mackerel, the fish, a little bit. The mackerel by nature is a very aggressive chap. He never stops swimming and will attack anything that even slightly resembles any kind of edible, regardless of its size. In fact, I've seen a mackerel attack a jig half its size as if it were the last minnow alive!

Another appealing quality of the mackerel is its friends. You see, mackerel travel in large schools and once one is hooked, his buddies will try to take the hook from his mouth; very nice if you have a multiple-hook rig (called a "tree"). Because of this I have seen many double—and triple—headers come over the rail. So here we have trick number one: once you have one on don't bring it right up; play him. Your efforts will ofttimes be well rewarded with one or two more fish and an excellent fight, since no two macks go in the same direction at once!

The most popular method of mackerel fishing is jigging over a school with a tree. The tree itself is nothing more than three or four mackerel tubes rigged about seven inches apart, with a diamond jig on a snap at the bitter end. All a mackerel tube consists of is a 1/0 long shank hook dressed with a tapered piece of latex or plastic tubing on it. As to the color of these tubes, I have found that the brighter colors like orange, red and hot pink work the best, with yellow being a close runner-up.

A mackerel will hit virtually any size jig, but I believe the one-ounce size to be—by far—the best size. By the way, jigging is the action in which you let your rig sink to the bottom and, with a series of quick jerks (jigs) and handle rotations, lift your rod up and down until you either get a strike, or your rig comes untouched to the surface. Incidentally, most of your strikes will come on the drop-down of your jigging motion.

After you do feel the strike, set the hook immediately with a firm pull. The reason for this is because of the medium-bony mouth, comparable to a bluefish, for instance. Besides this the mackerel has a row of sharp, fine teeth to match, so watch where you grab him while unhooking him.

Another method of mackerel fishing is the sub-surface trolling method. Use the same tree rig as before, only this time troll it at a moderately fast rate. This method will not only get fish, but also help you determine the approximate location of a school. Once you do locate a school, cut the engine and drift while you jig. It will be easy for you to score in the hundred range, IF—YOU STAY WITH THE SCHOOL and DON'T MAKE NOISE IN THE BOAT!

Tackle for mackerel is easy to select; your light boat rod and reel is fine. Use about fifteen pound test mono. For maximum to ultra-maximum sport try your one-handed spinning rod, or even your fly rod, if you dare.

The second tip I have for you is one I picked up in Maine from a life-long commercial fisherman. It was mackerel season then, and I met him while fishing off a dock for harbor pollock. He told me in a typical Maine accent to "put a strip o' bacon on, get all ya need." And you can bet that I'll have a large package of bacon with me on my next trip, too!

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This Year-Try Tagging

by Al Ristori

There are some fishermen who never seem to get enough fish to give away and others who wouldn't bother catching anything they couldn't sell. However, most anglers find getting rid of fish to be a chore and, when the action is good, often end up releasing most of their catch. These anglers can get a lot more satisfaction from their sport by tagging the fish they release.

Although I've previously written about the specialized tagging programs for tuna and sharks, only a small minority of the angling community can take part in fishing for those species. and the American Littoral Society tagging program is made to order for the "average" fisherman.

Quite simply, the ALS tagging program is a "do it yourself" project. The Society makes up the tags and you buy them at what amounts to a "cost" price. Then you place the tags on any fish of any size, fresh or salt. Return the tagging cards with the details of what you've done and then just sit back and wait for the hoped-for results. When a fish with your tag is recovered, the Society will pay a one dollar reward to the captor, match up the tag with your card in their files, and send you the resulting information.

Unlike the government programs, there is no particular scientific objective involved in ALS tagging. The results obtained are kept on file and made available to anyone seeking knowledge of the migration patterns of many species.

The vast majority of tagging is done on striped bass and the results are often surprising, even to those familiar with stripers' migration patterns. For instance, the tagging returns in the latest issue of the ALS magazine, "Underwater Naturalist," point up some unusual movements by the linesiders. I used to suspect that Rhode Island bass moved south via Montauk, while Orient's bass population came from Long Island Sound. Yet bass tagged at Newport and Jamestown, R.I. in October, 1972, were recaptured in a trap at Orient on November 15 of that year. At that late date these fish had worked west instead south. Would they have then migrated south around Montauk, or were these Hudson River fish?

Though most bass tend to be recaptured in the same general area as that in which they were tagged (if the time of year is comparable), there are many exceptions. Herb June tagged a couple of North Shore fish that illustrate this point. A 10" striper tagged at Lloyd's Neck on May 18, 1971, was recaptured almost two years later (May 16, 1973), but was then spending his time in the Shrewsbury River in northern New Jersey. A 17" bass tagged by June at the Nissequogue River on June 26, 1972, was recovered on June 23 last year at Montauk.

Len Killoran of Staten Island had a couple of tag returns which indicate how difficult it is to predict what any school of stripers is going to do. He tagged school bass on successive days in early October, 1972. Both were recovered on November 20 of the same year. While one was taken at nearby Sandy Hook, the other was captured off Wallops Island, Virginia!

The tagging returns also emphasize how fast stripers can move when they are migrating. A 17" bass tagged in the Saco River, Maine was taken at Narragansett, Rhode Island 16 days later. Going the other way, a striper tagged at Staten Island on April 21, 1973, was recovered in Little Back River, Maine on May 26.

Jessie York of Atlantic Beach points to a dart tag just placed in a shark. Shark tags are available from Jack Casey at the Narragansett Marine Lab in Rhode Island.

Beyond the help provided by the tagging program in understanding more about the movements of fish is the satisfaction gained by the angler. When you place a tag in a fish and watch him swim away, you feel that you've given back to the sea just a little of the many wonderful things it has provided for you. That sense of accomplishment is heightened should your tag be returned by a fellow sportsman.

Don't be discouraged if you don't get a tag return quickly. Even the heavily fished striper brings only about a 10% return rate. I'd put well over a hundred ALS tags in various fish before getting my first return. Finally, a striper I tagged at Great Gull Island on October 7 was taken by Stella Dzurka one mile NE of Barnegat Inlet on November 11. I had

Al Anderson, Rhode Island charter skipper, tags a small bass on a foggy August morning. Al has devised a special board to facilitate tagging.

estimated the bass at 4-6 lbs. when I released it and Stella reported that it weighed 7½ lb. at capture. Just three days later, another of my stripers was caught off Barnegat Light by Mr. S. Swenson. I had plugged it on the evening of October 15 under Montauk Light.

Though it took me a long time to get my first ALS tag back, others have better luck. In November, 1972, I tagged a single striper for a French engineer I had taken fishing at Montauk. Sure enough, that single tagged fish of his was recovered last spring off the Jersey coast! Actually, I can't feel too badly about the long time it took to get any ALS recoveries. The first year I started tagging sharks I had a shark recaptured within 16 days of my tagging and also caught a tagged blue shark. The return rate on sharks is much lower than with stripers—about 3%.

In order to encourage this important program, the Garcia Corporation has been donating six beautiful plaques to ALS for the past several years. These plaques honor outstanding achievements in tagging and are intended to encourage anglers to compete in releasing fish rather than just killing them. This year, the club award for tagging most fish will once again go to the Staten Island Spinning Club. That active group of conservationists increased their tagging from 1165 fish in 1972 to 1714 in 1973. However, tag returns are a different matter and there the Portland Surfcasters reign supreme. They took the plaque for most tag returns in 1972 with 36 and will receive the 1973 award for a total of 86.

Over the years the leading tagger has been John Wells of Stratford, Connecticut. John is now being pressed by Herb June of Kings Park, L.I. and Weston Eayrs, III of South Portland, Maine. June took the individual tagging title in 1973 with 508 as compared to Eayrs' winning total of 302 the previous year. All those tagged fish from 1972 paid off for Wes last year as he took the plaque for most returns to an individual with 88. This is a tremendous jump from John Wells' winning total of 28 in 1972.

Even if you don't have the time or inclination to compete for the "most" awards, you have a good shot at the other two plaques with any fish you catch. One is for the angler tagging the "fish traveling the longest distance." Eayrs picked that one up for 1973 with a striper that went from the Saco River, Maine, to Stumpy Point, North Carolina. However, the year before it was taken by a New Jersey angler who tagged a roaming tuna. The last plaque goes to the "fish longest time free." This year's winner is Joseph Conoyer of Rochelle Park, N.J., whose fish was free for four years, one month and 25 days. This hardly compares with last year's winner, Walter Brigham of Shelter Island Heights, L.I., whose striper was on the loose for six years, three months and eight days!

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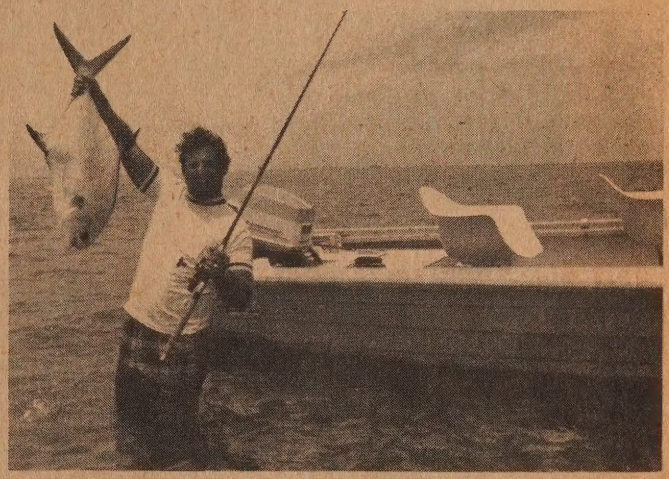

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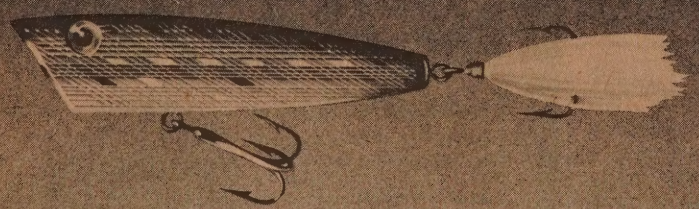

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by Leonard S. Baum

One morning last August I pointed my bow south, through Jones Inlet, intent on trolling a few blues at the Cholera Banks. As my Mako slid through a light chop, my mind wandered to past trips—to those unexpected strikes and the arm-jolting struggles of big blues trying to chomp a squid-spoon in two.

Suddenly, two miles south of the inlet, and blissfully alone, a dozen shrieking terns signaled some unexpected action. As I eased the throttle, more birds joined those hovering over the frothing surface. Blues! Blues! raced through my mind—and all to myself!

A one-ounce popper was clipped to a light spinning stick as I carefully edged up to the commotion. As the popper hit the water, I braced for the strike that was sure to follow. A swirl, and then another, behind the plug, but not a single fish struck. Two, three casts shot out before the school moved, and still no fish.

Now other boats joined in, all trolling and sending the fish away. In a few minutes I was able to draw close to the school once again, but this time, observing more carefully, I noticed that the fish were boiling and rolling in a fashion not common to the slashing attack of blue. A white bucktail quickly replaced my popper and, on the first cast, I hooked a 7-pound weakfish which was followed by five more in the 5-7 pound class.

This catch came as a surprise, but shouldn't have. It was the third time I'd experienced weakfish offshore in the last two years. The first time was off Rockaway in August 1972. At that time, I had dropped a marker buoy well offshore after locating a school of blues via wire-line trolling. Having marked the area, I was doing pretty well jigging blues on a #3 Hopkins and light takcle when a school of weakfish moved in. I took (and lost) a number of weakfish in the next half hour.

Less than a month later, I took two

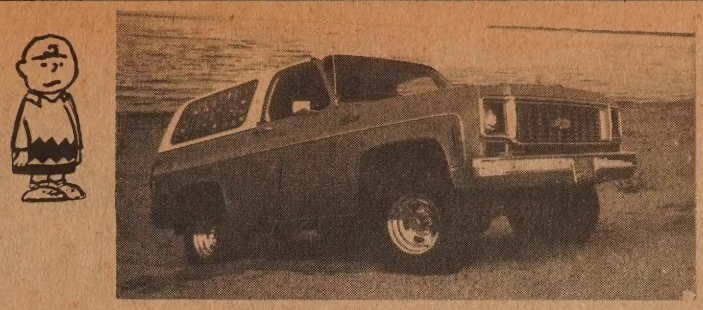
friends trolling for blues southeast of Jones Inlet in about 70 feet of water. The water was as smooth as glass as a large school of fish began rolling on the surface. At first we thought it was a school of bunker, and all of us tossed large Hopkins' in an attempt to snag the bunker and attract bluefish lurking below.

Much to our surprise, the jigs were grabbed by huge weakfish. We brought four or five to the boat, but had no net; all tore free except one of the smallest which later weighed over seven pounds. We noticed that these fish seemed to be feeding on tiny red bugs, perhaps young shrimp, and I'm sure they would have hit any small bucktail or shiny jig. Unfortunately, some fish-happy speed-freaks ended our action by chasing through the school every time it surfaced,and our sport ended soon after it had started.

These incidents are reminiscent of a similar experience which I had about 18 years ago when I was fishing offshore New Jersey. Again, in search of blues, we encountered a huge school of weaks in the two-pound range which hit large diamond jigs with abandon. The big difference is that the fish I've encountered offshore during the last two years all exceeded five pounds, and some looked quite close to 10 pounds.

Do these incidents suggest a potential fishery that warrants further exploration? Many of us are familiar with the schools of weakfish that migrate along the beach in September and October. I recall that in 1972 numerous fish were taken in 20-35 feet of water, occasionally deeper. They provided great sport in front of Atlantic Beach, Long Beach and Lido, and I've read of fast action at various locations from Norton's Point in Brooklyn to Fire Island. Although the weaks seemed to be there in 1973, as far as I could tell, these fish were not regularly taken on lures or bait. But a bold six-pounder did pounce on one of my bunker spoons this fall!

I wonder, however, if there is a substantial population of big weakfish, which, after spawning in Great South Bay, travels offshore where the fish spend the summer. Are there sizable numbers of fish in 60 or 70 feet of water which could be taken drifting squid or worms, or by deep trolling or jigging? I am sure that L.I.F. readers would be quite interested in the experiences of other fishermen with offshore weaks. A pooling of information could indicate whether these wandering weakfish are welcome rarities or a significant potential fishery.



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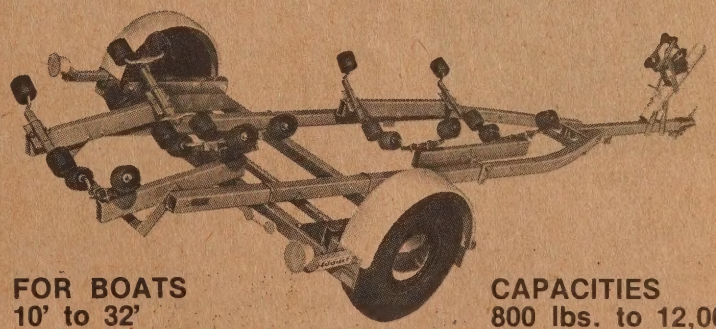

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Block Island Snowshoes

by Capt. George F. Glas

When you are in the fishing business at Montauk, the sure harbinger of spring has become not so much the return of that superb winged fisherman, the osprey, to our skies, as the kind of telephone calls you start to receive. When inquiries involving the "where, when, how, what, and why" of catching snowshoe flounders start to come in, spring and the run of these fabulous sea flounders is not far behind.

According to the dictionary, a flounder is "...one of a certain species of flatfish, valued as a food fish; especially, the winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*) of the North Atlantic coast..." As one's Funk and Wagnalls explains, no single volume can contain every technical, trade, or local expression which our language affords.

However, the purely academic definition totally misses the picture that the descriptive word "snowshoe" brings to mind. It took an enthusiastic skipper, watching his passengers reel up some of these king-sized flounders, to come up with that spur-of-the-moment nickname that caught like wildfire.

When and how did the name "snowshoe flounder" become part of the fisherman's vocabulary? It is difficult to pin-point the exact date, but be assured, it was quite a while ago (back in the days of the HELEN I, long before a steel HELEN II or HEL-CAT were even a glimmer of an idea).

One spring day, while the Montauk fleet was fishing the Southwest Ledge area off Block Island, the open boats were either drifting or anchored on their favorite spots, including the "hooter Buoy", Buoy 2A, close to shore on the southwest corner; the charter skippers were trolling for pollock on top of the Ledge. As is their habit, the captains of the various boats were comparing notes via radio-telephone. During a break in the conversations, an excited Capt. Dusty, then of the RIP-TIDE, called Capt. Frank Moss, then skippering the charter boat KUNO, and raved on about a flounder one of his anglers had just caught.

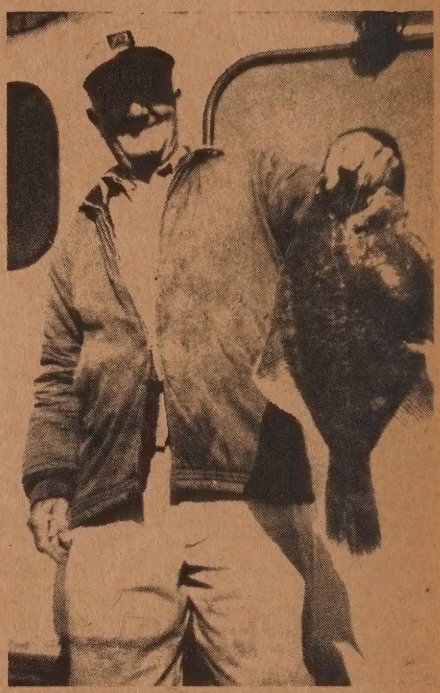
"It must go at least five pounds", he fairly shouted into his microphone. "Wow! There's another one coming up just as big or bigger."

Capt. Moss came back, "How big did you say they were?"

"They're as big as snowshoes", said Dusty. "You could walk on them!"

Frank, always good with words, and possessed of a very dry sense of humor as well, quipped, "Then, they're SNOWSHOE FLOUNDERS, Capt."

And the name stuck. Snowshoe flounders became the favorite of many fishermen as the word of their size and good flavor got around.



This happy angler proudly displays a snowshoe flounder he caught on the Hel-Cat on April 30, 1972.

Many anglers, however, do not realize that the season for this species is quite limited. Around the end of March, the forward scouts start to arrive, which means that the rest of the schools can't be too far behind. Catches start to increase, reaching their peak from the middle of April until the latter part of May, and then begin to thin out again.

The spring run of snowshoes ushers in what I like to call the "Smorgasbord" season. There's no word more apropos. While fishing for snowshoes at Block Island, you also catch pollock, cod, and blackfish. If you say you're a purist and want only the flounders, well—okay. Just throw the other fish back. Or, better yet, give 'em to the mate. It's the damnest thing, with a number four Chestertown hook rigged right off the sinker and a couple of cod

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hooks higher up on the line, you often get a snowshoe on one of the cod hooks. How they manage to get a 6/0 hook in their small mouths is still a mystery.

There are several areas where these fish are caught with regularity on the west side of Block Island, and, interestingly enough, if you check the distance on a chart, you will discover that Montauk is closer to these hot spots than any other port from which a fleet of open and charter boats sails.

In fishing for these big blackback flounders, we anchor over a spot that we know has been productive. Skimmer clams are used for bait, with the lip of the clam being woven on to the flounder hook, leaving a nice streamer trailing off. This fluttering bait is just what the fish wants.

To attract the flounders, we chum with broken skimmer shells and/or smashed mussels. Some anglers who swear by mussels have even gone to the trouble of dyeing them with vegetable coloring; other anglers will bring along worms, convinced that they hold the secret of success. As the saying goes, "whatever turns you on."

However, when the snowshoes are biting, they will take anything, including the piece of clam tongue that's on a codfish hook. It is not uncommon to come up with a double header: a cod on the high hook, and a snowshoe on the low flounder hook, or vice-versa.

The area in which these fish are caught is noted for strong tides. If you hit it just before slack water, an eight-ounce sinker is fine. As the tide increases in velocity, it then becomes necessary to shift to heavier sinkers, 10-ounce or even a 12-ounce, in order to keep the hooks down where they belong.

Speaking of hooks, it is best to use the large, heavy, number four Chestertown hooks (which can be obtained on any of the open boats). The regular flounder hooks that are usually used for bay fishing are too small and too light for snowshoes.

Some anglers, upon their first encounter with these big flounders, think they have caught a fluke. When the more experienced anglers aboard, or the mates, point out the difference, the novice usually stands there shaking his head, not quite able to believe his own eyes. At any rate, the snowshoe flounder can be considered as icing on the cake, topping off a catch that normally includes red and green cod, pollock and blackfish.

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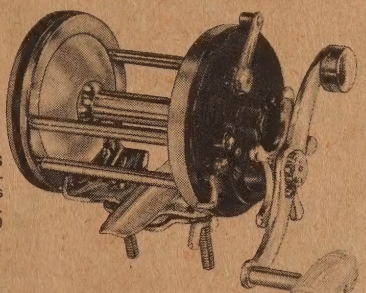

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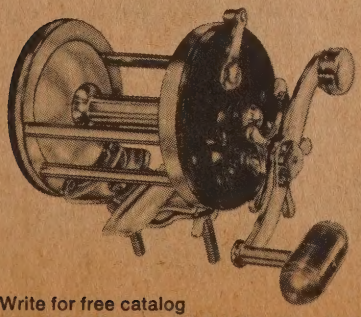

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Frying Flounder Good

by Bernard Schwartz

Just recently I wrote an article on fileting flounders. In that article I mentioned how good flounder filet was, and sort of promised I would write an article on how to go about cooking them. Since the article was about fileting flounders, I will first tell you how I cook or, rather, fry my flounder filet.

Fish cooking is really the easiest cooking there is to do. Of course, I speak generally. I'm sure there are many exotic recipes and methods used in cooking fish. But for the best cooking (in my opinion), it is usually the simplest methods that taste the best. Pan frying flounder filet, or, for that matter, the whole flounder, is really one of the easiest to do.

The ingredients used are egg, flour, matza meal, salt, pepper, paprika, garlic powder (optional), and oil. Simple enough, and ingredients you can find even if the wife isn't home. The matza meal may be a problem in some homes, but I'm sure you can find corn meal or bread crumbs, or even instant cream of wheat in a pinch.

I'm not going to tell you how much of what to use because I don't know how much fish you want to fry. All the ingredients can be readily mixed if you run out. If you have too much left over you can always spoon the mixed batter into the hot fat and make northern hush puppies out of it. Something I always do anyway, because the kids love them as much as the fish.

Anyhow, let's say we have about two pounds of filet. I crack two eggs into a bowl and add about ½ cup of cool water. Add some salt, pepper, paprika, and garlic powder. How much? I don't know. How spicy do you like your food?

I beat the eggs and spices with a fork until well-mixed, then take the carefully washed filets and unceremoniously dump them in the mixture and let it sit until I make up the flour mixture.

About two tablespoons of flour to a cup of meal does it. My wife likes to use just plain matza meal, but I like a finer breading than she does. Personally, I think she's too lazy to mix in the flour. (She'll kill me when she reads this.) I sometimes add additional spices to the flour, such as dry parsley or even oregano, if I want that Italian flavor. These items are optional, and a little experimenting can turn up some good surprises in taste. Again, use your judgement, because you can also create a culinary disaster.

Place the mixed flour mixture on a flat plate or shallow pan. Spread it thinly. If it doesn't cover the bottom of the pan add another cup of meal and flour. Fork out a slice of filet and gently place it on the breading mixture. Cover both sides and place on a sheet of wax paper or plate. Keep the slices separate because they can get awful gloppy when placed on top of each other. Oh, yes! I do know about the flour in the paper bag or plastic bag method of breading, but my method is a little less messy and just as easy, so far as I'm concerned.

Place about ¼ to ½ inch of good cooking oil in your large frying pan. Place enough oil in it so when the filets are in the pan the hot oil will almost cover them. Heat the oil and test it to see if it is hot enough by holding onto a piece of filet and dipping one end of it into the fat. If it starts to bubble and fry start placing the rest of the fish in it. CAREFULLY! Hot fat can splatter and hurt!

When the fish are nice and brown on one side turn them over and continue frying until they are done. Take them out and place them in an oven-proof dish and place in the oven at the lowest temperature possible. Keep frying fish and placing in the dish in the oven till all are done. Try to keep the fat in the pan from burning.

When all the fish have been fried, mix the remaining egg and breading mixture together to make a batter. Thin it a little, if necessary, with a little water, or thicken it with the breading mixture. It should be like a thick pancake batter. Spoon this mixture into the hot far and fry till done.

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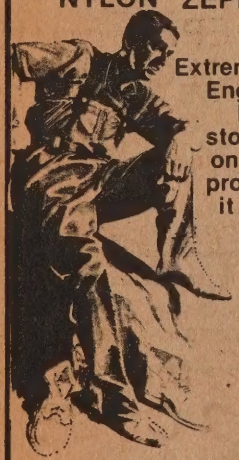
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Fishing was only fair over the weekend, said Ronnie D'Albora of the **Gone Fishing Marina.** Saturday's wind made sloppy seas and few boats got out. Improved weather Sunday allowed some good catches of cod at the Cartwright Grounds. Warren Valentine of the Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County bagged a 35-lb. cod. Some mackerel at Shagwong, few snowshoes taken by hook-and-line. Ronnie said that two boats of divers took 30 snowshoes around Blackfish Rock and in Shagwong.

Action over the weekend was pretty good, according to John Keller of the **Lake Montauk Marina.** Boats fishing Washington Shoals had mixed bags of snowshoe, sea bass, blackfish, mackerel and cod. Draggers are bringing in porgies.

Mrs. Hilda Tuma of **Tuma's Bait & Tackle** reports plenty of cod and pollock south of Block Island. Snowshoe flounder north of Shagwog. Plenty of small flounder in Montauk Lake.

Capt. Dick Rode of the **Marlin III** has been fishing Block Island and the Cartwright Grounds where ten or 12 fish per man are an average. These fish are spring cod of anywhere from three to ten pounds each. Full moon tides have held down the catch sizes but next week with more favorable tides they should increase. A few 30 to 40 pound fish have been caught near Block Island.

Capt. Brad Glas of the charterboat **HELEN II** had the "1400 Rod & Gun Club" out on Saturday, and the South Shore Fishing Club out on Sunday. Brad fished the south side of Block Island and did a job on cod, pollock, hump-back sea bass, flounder and blacks. Pool fish on Saturday was a 25 lb. cod. On Sunday, Brad put the Helen II over a school of 8-12 lb. cod, and they were hauling double headers for 1½ hours.

The open boat **HEL-CAT** is fishing south of Block Island also, and Capt. George Glas reports excellent mixed bags of cod, pollock, big sea bass, flounder and blacks.

Mrs. Bud Dorman of **The Viking Skipper** said that fishing has been holding up real good. Snowshoes are starting to show up in the catches. Block Island has been the place. Most fish are in the 4-12 lb. range. Big fish for the week landed by George White of Springfield Gardens. It was a 45 lb. Cod.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station** said that weather has been a hindrance to good fishing. Fishing should bust open if two days of decent weather came together. Art said that they were blown out on Saturday, and Sunday's fishing suffered from a churned up bottom. Average catch was 6-10 fish a boat, with one boat hi-hook with 30. Art weighed in snowshoes up to 3¾-lbs. Cartwright Island produces well when weather permits. Slow pick at the fish factory and Hick's Island.

SAG HARBOR

Helen Jacobson of **Noyac Marina** says the weekend was horrible weather-wise but the hardy ones had fish. Flounders are still at South Ferry. Weakfish and porgies are moving in very well. Weakfish catches of 15 fish some up to five pounds were had at buoys 16 and 17 using squid. Mackerel are also in the area. Helen says to remember that regrettably the restaurant will close permanently on May 28.

SHINNECOCK

Capt: Clark Bellows, Jr. sailing from the Shinnecock Canal has switched from flounder to weakfishing in the Peconic Bays. This past weekend they caught weaks from three to five pounds average. The biggest was seven and a half pounds. About 20 to 25 porgies, some going as high as two pounds, were caught along with about 35 weaks each day. The sonar scanner shows good readings of schools of fish around Robins Island. Both the **Capt. Clark** and the **Capt. Clark II** are now sailing from the Shinnecock Canal.

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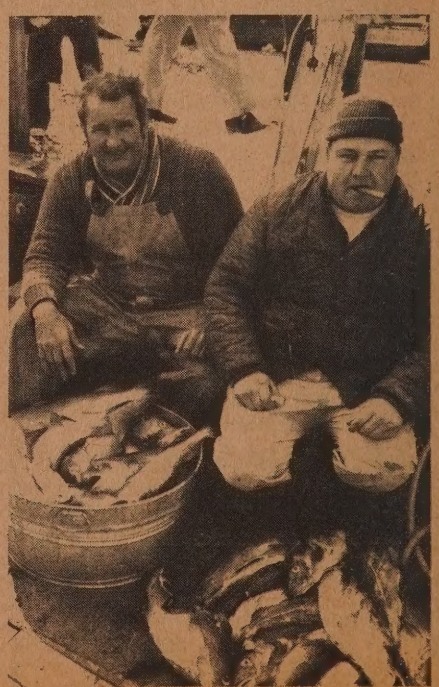
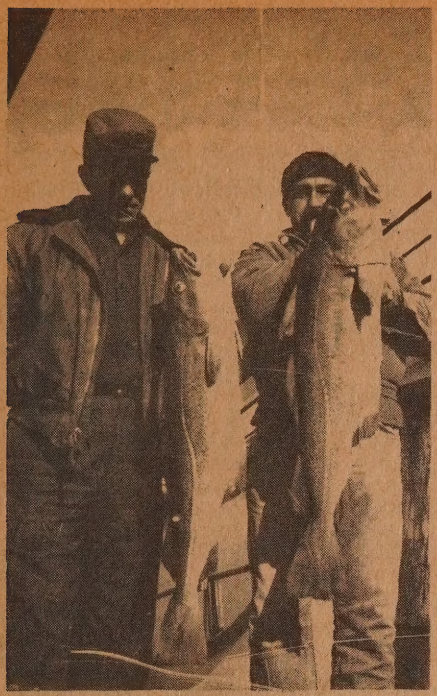


Bob McCellan, left, took 26 cod and Sidney Barton, right, took 35 cod aboard the Viking Skipper at Montauk. They fished the Block Island area.



Barney Torre, left took 2nd in the pool aboard the Peconic Queen II with this 23-lb. cod. David Milave, right, took the $230 pool with his 35 pounder.

doing pretty good on weakfish in the Peconic Bay. They weighed in up to seven and a half pounds. They were caught near Cow Neck on touts and squid. The catch averaged three to five fish per man on an upcoming tide. Fluke are now being caught in the inlet. Flounders are still around.

HAMPTON BAYS

Bradley's Fishing Station reports they caught plenty of flounders but their first run of fluke is where all the news is. Sid Bernstein of Brooklyn was one of the lucky anglers. Another party consisted Tommy Rutyna, Bruce Oldeck and Ernie Bradly, Jr. who had 29 fluke, all keepers, in two hours right in front of the station. They caught them all day long drifting with squid and sand eels. At buoy 34 in the Peconic Bay there were weakfish up to five pounds.

MORICHES BAY

Chet at **B & B Tackle** says they are doing well on fluke, flounder and weakfish. Fluke are being caught at the flats of buoy 36. They are in the general area of buoys 36 to 39. Using spearing and sand eels on any moving tide will produce fluke. Flounders are throughout the bay. Stripers are taking bucktails and other bottom lures along the beaches and in the inlet. Mackerel are being caught hip deep offshore. Weakfish to five pounds have been caught in the holes of buoy 42 and on either side of the Smith Point Bridge. Chet says the weaks are not slamming the bait but rather are sucking on it. If you feel that you are stuck on a piece of grass lower your rod tip and then set the hook as you most likely have a weak.

Tadsen's Fishing Station reports good flounder fishing all week long. On Saturday the high winds made it dangerous for small boats while on Sunday the water was all dirty from the storm. The flounders are big but the catches are not what they are used to. Weakfish and fluke are both starting to show.

Al Lassen at **Hi-Way Fishing Station** says buoy 42 and 43 have the best concentration of flounder in the area. At buoy 36 Milo Mestina of Jersey had 37 fluke and Walter Selinkowitz of Flushing had 32 fluke, all keepers. The fluke were hitting all day long on spearing, squid and sand eels. During the week several weakfish were caught by some boats after flounder fishing.

Romano Seifert of the **Silly Lily Fishing Station** reports good flounder fishing east of buoy 39 to 42. Mussel chumming in this cold weather is a must for best results. Fluke up to three pounds are being caught on combination of squid-spearing or squid-sand eels at buoy 36.

MASTIC BEACH

Bob Keenan of **Keenan's Fishing Station** said there are lots of flounder on the edge of the channel at buoys 21 and 22 and in the hole at buoy 17. Bloodworms and mussels are the preferred bait. In the evening from 5 P.M. on, three to five pound weakfish are being taken from the hole at buoy 17 using Salty Dog lures. The flounders are being taken primarily on a moving tide while the weakfish want little boat traffic.

WEST SAYVILLE

Joseph Kozar along with his brother Rich and friends Al Passaro and Richie Nare all of the Manorhaven Outdoorsman Club launched their boat at the Heckscher Park boat ramp for some good flounder fishing. They fished south of buoy 4 using worms and fresh chowder clams bought from a clam boat as bait. They caught 100 flounders; they kept 75 of them none of which were under one pound and a couple were three pounds.

Sandy Powell of the **Oakdale Marina** reports good weakfishing off Heckscher Park. Fishermen using shrimp touts had catches of ten or more up to eight pounds. Flounder are in the area where the clammers are working and bite on worms and clams.

Dennis of **South Bay Fishing Station** reports the weakfish are in solid in the area of buoy 4 and 5 and buoys 28 and 29. They are hitting on pink florescent shrimp touts. Several fishermen report their reels being run-off by the weaks. Fluke are also being caught and the flounder are holding steady.

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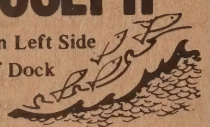

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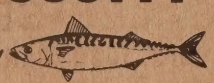

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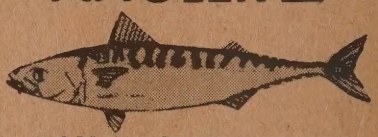

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On Thursday, Gene Roberto fished from the pier at Ocean Beach took a 13 lb. blackfish. The 26" fish hit a Salty Dog cast for weakfish.

Noel Kopauf at the **Captree Bait Station** reports the Overlook Pier, Oak Beach and Fire Island are all producing blackfish at three to four pounds. Weakfish are being caught in the State Channel and under the Captree Drawbridge on squid or Salty Dogs. Fluke have been caught off the Fire Island Overlook Pier and Oak Beach.

Capt. Scotty said there were loads of mackerel throughout the area about six miles out. Schools and schools of them are showing up on the sonar scanner. Capt. George Tweedy says that next week he is going for weakfish.

BABYLON

Jean Principe of **Augie's Tackle Shop** said the poor weather on Saturday kept most private boats in the bays where they were fishing for weakfish. One fisherman using Augie's own artificial shrimp lure had 14 weaks in two hours. He drifted and jigged the Point-O-Woods area. The biggest fish weighed in was eight and a half pound weak caught by Doc Grell. Doc also had a two and a half bluefish in the State Channel. Flounders are throughout the bay and off the piers.

George Fox at the **Babylon Sports Center** said his employee Ray Roberts caught a four-pound two-ounce pickerel, six-pound large mouth bass and six bass to two and a half pound all at Belmont Lake on a jointed Rebel. Argyle Lake still has carp being caught on doughballs.

LINDENHURST

A lot of weakfish are in Ocean Beach and West Channel said John Schaefer of **Charlie's Bait & Tackle.** Also loads of mackerel in 60 feet of water. John said the weaks seem to be hitting at the top of the incoming and first of the outgoing tide on Salty Dog lures and squid bait. Flounder are becoming spotty. Blackfishing is just starting at the artificial reef off Ocean Beach.

Duke's Tackle Shop reports that Mel "The Hunter", Fuld of Massapequa & pop-in-law Julius Browmann got 11 fluke Saturday up to 22" long and 10 fluke, (5 keepers) on Sunday, fishing the shore of F.I. Inlet with sand eels. 11 weaks 2¼ lbs.—8 lb. 9 oz. taken S.E. of buoy 4 off Heckshire State Park on Viking Shrimpies and small bucktails by Ken Kalodnicki, George Krug and Paul Pinco. Also 3-4 lb. sea bass in F.I. Inlet on squid.

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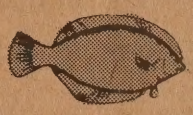
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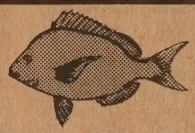

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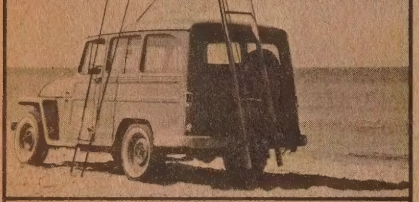

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N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait & Tackle reports Jim Mc Cabe and his son caught weakfish at Unqua Point and the east west Channel. He was using a pink, flapping Wide Tail Viking Shrimp. Several other people using frozen sand shrimp had good success on the weaks at Unqua. Wantagh drawbridge and the third bridge have blacks for those using green crabs.

SEAFORD

Del's Fishing Station called to say that Alan Scarborough and Burt Chel caught 14 nice keeper flounder on clam and worms at the second bridge. The Alderman family also had 14 flounders but at the third bridge. A couple of fishermen caught blacks also at the third bridge.

Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station reports good blackfishing at the bridges using fiddlers and "sand crabs." He could not describe "sand crabs" but they were not green crabs. The gentleman using them said he dug them up from the sand and they were catching the biggest blacks among all the boats. Fluke are starting to show near Squaw Island.

MERRICK

Fred Wilson at **Baldwin-Marine Supply** said the fluke are starting to come in at the Sloap Channel Bridge area. They seem to be hitting spearing.

Frank at **Merrick Marine** says they are doing very good on fluke and flounder. The Swift Creek area is about the best. Weakfish are at the Merrick incinerator and in Zack's Bay.

Robert Scotti and Jack Furino caught these 71 flounders at buoy 43 in Moriches Bay.

FREEPORT

Sy Karlin of the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** called to report the Bluefin and the Norseman both fished Squaw Island on Friday and had excellent flounder fishing. Hi-hook was around 20 fish with some going to two pounds. Saturday was a repeat of Friday but at slack water the Bluefin went to the Meadowbrook Bridge where it caught flounder, porgies, sea bass and one black. Mackerel fishing has been excellent on Saturday night and Sunday.

Capt. Richie Kessinger of the all new **Starstream II** took her out on its maiden voyage Friday. The winds were blowing strong but with its wide beam the boat remained stable. Saturday the weather was the same if not worse but on both days everyone loaded up on mackerel. The higher speed of this new boat allows more actual fishing time.

POINT LOOKOUT

Long Beach Sports Marina reports good flounder fishing at Duck Point. Fishermen are using worms and mussels.

Long Island Sea Clam reports very good mackerel fishing offshore. Striped bass fishing consists of rumors only as yet. No fish have been weighed in.

ISLAND PARK

Capt. Clem of the **Commodore** has been having good flounder fishing during the week. The channels have been producing on the outgoing and slack tides. Hi-hook was Fran Herskowitz of Far Rockaway with 43 fish. Three of these were fluke of which only one was kept. On the weekends it's mackerel fishing for everyone.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Noehren's Tackle reports the flounders are still biting at the Crossbay Bridges. They are using both blood and sand worms. Blackfish are just moving in at the Crossbay and Marine Parkway Bridges. The blacks run up to a couple of pounds and are taking fiddler crabs and clams.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Vinny at **Salvo's Tackle** said—Flash! Whiting were being caught off the Coney Island Pier at night. Quite a few people had whiting and one person had 45 whiting. This might not last so don't wait. A few striped bass were taken on worms up to five pounds. Also on worms at the

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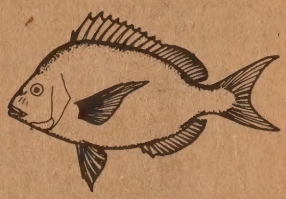

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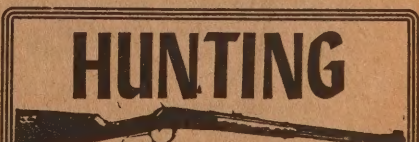

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Verazano Bridge wall there are bass being caught. A few flounders are being picked up along the Bay Ridge sea wall. Balcks are starting at the Marine Parkway Bridge.

Harold Anderson at **Bay End Dock** reports lots of blackfish and flounders at the Marine Parkway Bridge, Rockaway Jetty and the Manhattan Beach Reef. Flounder are also at the flats in the bay. Clams and worms for the flounder and the same bait plus fiddler crabs are taking the blacks.

NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

Art White of the **A.P. White Bait Shop** says the open boats "Brand X" & Wilhelric are doing very good on flounders both in the Sound of Soundview Motel and off Southold Town Beach. Also at So. Ferry and Cedar Island. There are porgies taken here and there, heralding a good porgie season ahead. Also, weaks are around and being taken. In fact, the open boats go for them when the tides and winds so dictate.

SOUTHOLD

Bill at **Port of Egypt** tells of the biggest porgie he ever saw, a 4 lb. 10 oz. giant taken by John Amorgianos of Astoria on clam on the west side of Jessups, on Saturday. On Sunday, Jeanne Brako, also of Astoria took an 8 lb. 5 oz. weak on a hi-hook squid, west of Jessups. Manuel Gusman and Carlos Ortiz on Sunday, got 133 porgies from 1—2 ¾ lbs., 32 weaks from 3—6 lbs. on squid, clam and worm, between buoys 17 & 18.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports that there's plenty of porgies, weakfish, flounder and black to be had from their station. Mixed bags came in with all boats. A great day Sunday for Henry Smith, John Nicholson and John Gray—31 weaks to 7 lbs., 37 porgies to 2½ lbs., all off Nassau Pt., wouth of the buoy on incoming water.

JAMESPORT

Warren's Tackle Center in Aquebogue reports lots of porgies and lots of weaks, both on bait and the pink artificial shrimp. There are still mackerel and flounder off Browns Buoy # 2 and the South Race off Robbins Island. The fish are "in good" advises Warren. "Life is short—come on out and fish and enjoy it".

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Ralph's Fishing Station reports very good fishing for his customers. Taking mixed bags of mackerel, flounder, blacks and a few porgies. Porgie fishing should be great by the weekend, said Ralph. Fish Mt. Misery Shoals—Rocky Pt. area. Plenty of blacks from the shore. Some whiting are being taken too.

Dick's Sporting Goods reports a lot of big blacks off Miller Pl. Beach and Cedar Beach for surf casters on bloodworm fished on the bottom. Average 6½ lbs., all tides. Some macks from the beach at times. Nice school bass fished on worm baited bottom rigs, same beaches. A 31½ lb. bass got weighed in over the weekend.

PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station reports lots of macks at Buoy 11 at daybreak and for a couple of hours thereafter: that is good for 100-150 per boat. An 11 lb. black on clam at Mt. Misery Shoals for Brian Dehler of Lake Grove. Flounder fishing is very good, fish from 1½-2 lbs. Big porgies (early) up to 3 lbs. Excellent mixed bags.

Capt. Joe Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** had a charter out Sunday and had the best day of the year, thus far. The charter bailed flounders and blacks mainly, but also took sea bass, macks and porgies. Pool fish was a 7 lb. black.

The **Betty W** sailing as an open boat during the week had a mixed bag of fish. The catch was primarily blacks and flounders with porgies and mackerel mixed in.

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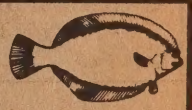
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NORTHPORT

Ted Bowman of **Bowman's Sporting Goods** confirms the 5½ lb. black off the town dock on a worm. Also, says Ted, there are mackerel all up and down the harbor and bay, inside. Blackfish and flounder are in close and all over and off the dock. Bass at any local beach from shore on swimming and popping plugs.

Mark at **The Chainlocker** reports flounder all over the bay and off the dock. A 5½ lb. black was taken off the dock on a worm on Saturday. Macks off Buoy 6 off Eatons Neck up to 2½ lbs. on diamond jigs and X-mas tree.

Capt. Pete Novellino of the trailered charterboat **"Jennie Three"** reports good mackerel fishing on Saturday N. of the LILCO stacks. Pete had another charter on Sunday, where he fished Block Island and took very good catches of cod 8-10 lbs., whiting and big flounder 2-3 lbs.

HUNTINGTON

Geo. Valentine was not in when we called, so Mrs. Valentine supplied the bare essentials, which consisted of loads of mackerel from Eatons Neck to Crab Meadow, plenty of blacks and some weaks on shrimp lures. If you plan to fish his area, call George (see ad elsewhere in L.I.F.) and he'll give you the scoop.

"We kept moving until we found the fish", said Capt. Constantin of the **Eveready Fleet.** Proof of this was the nine pound black caught by Ray Thompson of Huntington on Saturday and the eight and a half pound one by Frank Niedowski of Brooklyn on Sunday. These fish were caught outside of Huntington Harbor. Quite a few porgies, flounder and mackerel completed the mixed catch. Target Rock and Lloyd Harbor were also areas where fish were caught. Capt. Constantin said he had better results on the incoming tide while the outgoing produced poorly.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Harry at **Veteran's Fishing Station** tells me flounder (on worms & clams), weaks (to 3½ lbs. on worm and squid), macks (on jigs), blacks (worms) and porgies (worm & clam) are to be had in good abundance out of his station. The fish are there and they await you.

GLEN COVE

John at **Glen Cove Sports Shop** tells of John Martin's 4 lb. bass on a Hopkins Hammered Bucktail at Matinicock Pt. on Saturday A.M.; Ron Oldenburg's 22" bass at Davidson's on a 5/8 oz. Gibbs popper, and Dan Steebbin's 3 keeper bass off Prybill on 4½" sinking Rebel. Flounder fishing is consistantly good. Macks are in really strong, boats and beaches. John is carrying mackerel live-lining rigs for you bass hounds.

PORT WASHINGTON

Rocky at **Moreland's Bait & Tackle** tells of continuing catches of flounder and black in Manhasset Bay.

FLUSHING BAY

Rudy at **Skyline Marina** reports fair flounder action, tho a little on the small size. Also some stripers have been plugged at Little Neck Bay, but no details. Trolled worms in that area should produce good bass action.

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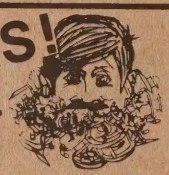

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THURSDAY	10:34	10:50	-	12:19	1:38	2:11	1:41	2:11
FRIDAY	11:18	11:34	12:28	1:07	2:10	2:40	2:24	2:58
SATURDAY	-	12:06	1:15	1:58	2:47	3:19	3:11	3:44
SUNDAY	12:17	12:54	2:04	2:51	3:28	4:05	3:57	4:34
MONDAY	1:06	1:43	2:56	3:47	4:18	4:55	4:52	5:26
TUESDAY	1:55	2:34	3:55	4:43	5:11	5:51	5:45	6:20
WEDNESDAY	2:48	3:28	4:51	5:30	6:09	6:47	6:41	7:12
THURSDAY	3:47	4:24	5:44	6:13	7:09	7:43	7:37	8:01

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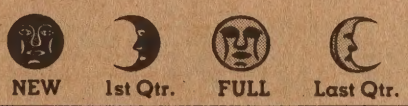

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HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet —0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

BAYVILLE

Bob Strecher at **Bayville Hardware** reports flounder fishing continues to be a little on the slow side, but there. He's heard rumors of schoolie bass in the harbor, but no details.

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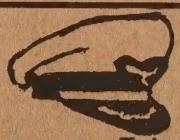

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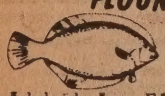

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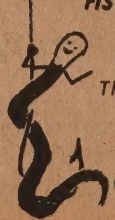

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

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Fri.	8:30	**2:45**	8:55	**3:10**
Sat.	9:25	**3:40**	9:50	**4:00**
Sun.	10:15	**4:25**	10:35	**4:50**
Mon.	11:05	**5:15**	11:25	**5:35**
Tues.	11:50	**6:05**	-	**6:25**
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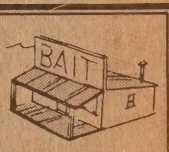

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Westport Tackle Shop reports mackerel are in close off Fairfield near Sunken Island in Pennfield Reef. Pennfield is also holding flounder. Blackfish in the rocks off Compo.

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The report from the **Chum Box North** is all systems go! Flounder in the river is good, but even better the first bass of the season are now showing. 4-5 pound stripers were taken on the last half of the outgoing tide on Sunday under the Highland Bridge on sandworms.

SEABRIGHT

Giglio's reports flounder hitting well in the rivers. Bass fishing in the surf is slow with only a few stripers caught at Sandy Hook Park.

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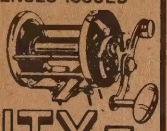

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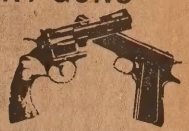

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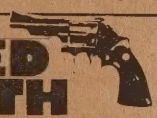

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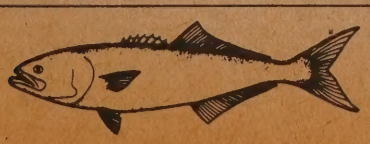

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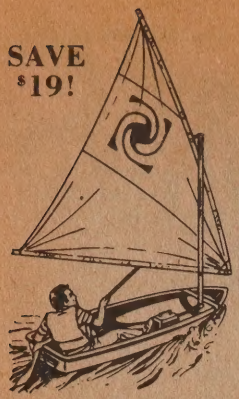

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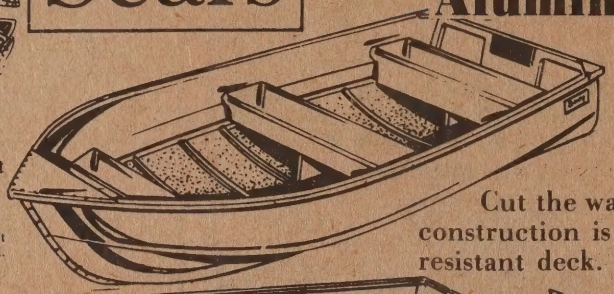

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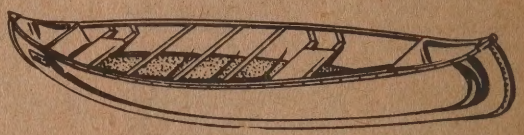

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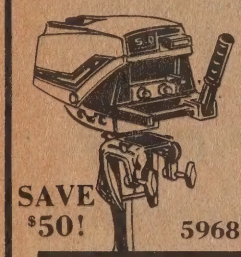

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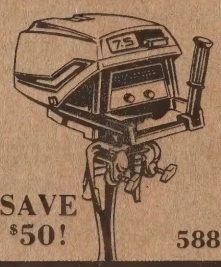

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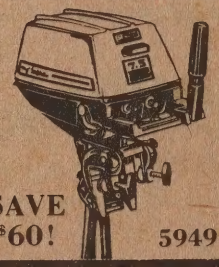

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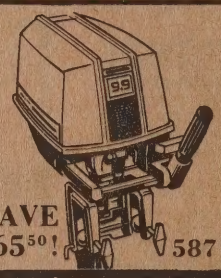

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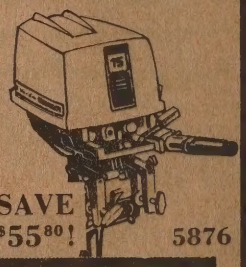

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